(iii) 8 cases are currently under investigation for preliminary findings.

(iv) The remaining 4 cases have been closed due to withdrawal of petition and other reasons.

Top exportable items

†4260. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export from the country has increased during the period from 1990-1991 to 1999-2000;

(b) if so, to what extent it has increased;

(c) whether Government have identified those items in respect of which export has constantly increased; and

(d) if so, the names of such top 20 exportable items alongwith the item-wise extent of increase in their export during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY) : (a) to (b) Yes, Sir. The value of exports of merchandise goods has more than doubled (103%) at US $36.82 billion during 1999-2000 as compared to US $18.15 billion during 1990-91.

(c) and (d) The major items of exports which have witnessed positive growth during the period 1991-92 to 1999-2000 and the extent of growth are given below:-

Values in US$ Million

Items	1991-92	1999-00	%Growth
Gems and Jewellery	2759	7502	172
Readymade garments	2216	4765	115
Textile Yarn, fabrics, madeups	1818	4079	124
Leather and leather mfrs.	1278	1590	24
Drugs, Pharma and fine chemicals	633	1532	142
Manufacturers of metals	488	1243	155
Marine Products	590	1183	101
Machinery and Instruments	586	1156	97

Items	1991-92	1999-00	%Growth
Rubber manufactured products	117	899	668
Transport equipment	500	810	62
Primary and semi-finished iron and Steel	92	730	693
Electronic goods	267	681	155
Handicrafts excl hand made carpets	243	669	175
Inorganic, organic/agro-chem.	202	636	215
Plastic and Linoleum products	113	604	435
Dyes Intermediates and coal tar	319	588	84
Cashew	274	566	106
Carpet handmade	410	499	22
Spices	152	408	168
Basmati Rice	204	401	.96

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4261. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the FICCI study, recession hit consumer and manufacturing sector profit fell by 19.5 per cent;

(b) if so, whether according to the reports the overall trends for the April, 2001—February, 2002 period shows that manufactured goods prices have increased by only 2.2 per cent while the profits for the sector went up by a bare 0.9 per cent in the first quarter of this fiscal year;

(c) if so, what are the other main features of the FICCI report in this regard; and

(d) what steps are being taken to improve the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The other main findings of the FICCI report titled "Fall in Output Prices Constrains Industry Prospects" are as under:

- The industrial products which have been worst hit by the declining trend in the manufacturing goods prices include textiles, paper, leather, non-metallic, basic metal and alloys and metal products.